

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, because of family medical reasons, I returned to Los Angeles on May 23, 2001, and remained there for the balance of the week. Therefore, I was unable to cast my floor vote on roll call numbers 146–149.

The votes I missed include roll call vote 146 on the Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1836, the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act; roll call vote 147 on Approving the Journal; roll call vote 148 on Agreeing to H. Res. 153, Waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1836; and roll call vote 149 on Agreeing to the Conference Report accompanying H.R. 1836.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "yea" on roll call votes 146 and 147; and "nay" on roll call votes 148, and 149.

 IN HONOR OF FATHER JOHN J. CREGAN
HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate and honor Father John J. Cregan on his Fortieth Anniversary of Ordination, this third day of June, 2001.

Father Cregan has a long and distinguished history in Cleveland. Born on the second of June, 1935, Father Cregan went to St. Vincent de Paul grade school, and later graduated from Saint Ignatius High School. After attending St. Meinrad Minor Seminary, Cregan was ordained at Saint John Cathedral by Auxiliary Bishop Floyd Begin on May 20, 1961.

After ordination, Father Cregan reached out to the Cleveland and world communities in countless ways. His love and spirituality led him to St. Joseph, Blessed Sacrament, and Saint Thomas More where he served selflessly as Assistant Pastor. In 1987, Father Cregan began preaching at Our Lady of Angels Church where he still spreads the Word today.

Father Cregan's joy and strong faith is apparent after listening to any of his sermons. His kind-spirit and good-nature has brought countless people to his church. His dedication, generosity, and love to his members is like no other; he truly cares for all people. We, as a community, are blessed to have people like Father Cregan in our neighborhood.

Mr. Speaker, Father Cregan has served his community selflessly. His love and talent has led him to numerous churches in the Cleveland area where he has shared his faith. Please join me in celebration and recognition of Father John J. Cregan on his Fortieth Anniversary of Ordination.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER MAYOR BOB NOLAN

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret that I rise to pay tribute to the former Mayor of Upland, California Bob Nolan. On April 24th of this year, Mr. Nolan passed away, leaving the community he served to grieve the loss of a dear friend.

The circumstances surrounding Mr. Nolan's death, while unfortunate, speak highly of his dedication to the community he loved. Mr. Nolan had traveled here from Upland, California to serve as San Bernardino County's representative to the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials Conference. Shortly after arriving, Mr. Nolan was hospitalized for an emergency appendectomy. Postoperative complications arose, and Mr. Nolan never left the hospital.

Mr. Nolan served his community in many ways. Shortly after graduating from Upland College in 1959, he was hired to teach sixth grade at Sierra Vista Elementary School in Upland. In 1966, he became an assistant principal and was named principal the following year. When he retired in 1988, former students and parents spoke highly of his stern, but well-respected nature.

His reputation as an outstanding teacher and principal served as a springboard to a successful election to the Upland City Council in 1984. Always putting the interests of the city first, he worked tirelessly on every action warranting the Council's attention. As a result, it was not surprising when he was chosen to serve as the City's Mayor in 1988. For three terms, his tenacity and competitive spirit inspired both residents and city staff to tackle everything from increasing Metrolink ridership to the development of a Senior Center.

Even upon his retirement from the City Council, Mr. Nolan's love for Upland could not be extinguished. He continued to fight for transportation issues and served on numerous regional boards. His commitment to his community was matched only by his devotion to his family. His wife, Nadine, his son, Jeff, and his granddaughter, Lindsey, will most certainly experience a void that was once filled by a loving personality.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this 107th Congress celebrate the life and contributions of Bob Nolan.

 MILWAUKEE VALVE COMPANY
CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL
HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on April 8, 2001, one of Wisconsin's cornerstone businesses, the Milwaukee Valve Company, celebrated its 100th Anniversary. Since it's founding in 1901, this family-owned business has exemplified the state's long tradition of excellence in manufacturing.

While Milwaukee Valve was a successful regional producer in its first half century of exist-

ence, it has evolved into an international distributor of more than 4,000 products since Herschel Seder and Max Koenigsberg purchased the company in 1959.

The company's place in the community has always been important to Herschel. In a time when manufacturer relocation is all too commonplace, the company is still headquartered at its original location at Burrell Street, near Lake Michigan on Milwaukee's south side.

However, Milwaukee Valve's contributions are not limited to the Milwaukee area. The U.S. Navy counts on the manufacturer for its top-quality specialized marine valves, for use in our submarine fleet. The Seders are proud to boast that the "Made in the USA" symbol applies to virtually every valve in their product line.

Though his company is highly respected throughout the industry, Herschel Seder is equally well known in the Milwaukee area for his devotion to his family and the community around them. Now a second generation of Seders sits at the helm of Milwaukee Valve. With the vision and leadership of Jim, John and Diane, the Seder family business is poised for even greater success into the 21st century.

And so, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Seder family and all the loyal employees at the Milwaukee Valve Company on this milestone, and wish all the best as they begin their second 100 years.

 TRIBUTE TO DR. HARRY JAROSLAW
HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, for over 45 years, Dr. Harry Jaroslaw has worked tirelessly for the residents of New York State as a superior educator, and more importantly, as a role model to our children. In the overcrowded and sometimes violent New York City schools, Dr. Jaroslaw provided his students with the knowledge and hope that is ever important in children's lives.

For the past 13 years, Dr. Jaroslaw has brought his enthusiasm for teaching to the students of the Mineola School District. During his tenure as Superintendent of Schools for Mineola School District, Dr. Jaroslaw has helped a great number of students attend prestigious universities and colleges. When he began, the percentage of students attending college was 39 percent. Today, it's an astounding 80 percent. He also played an integral part in raising student scores on both the Regents and State Achievement exams well above the Nassau County and New York State average. Dr. Jaroslaw helped Long Island students think globally by establishing educational programs in foreign countries as Africa, Mexico, Israel, Sweden, Italy and Brazil.

Dr. Jaroslaw's efforts have not gone unnoticed. He has been honored as "Administrator of the Year" by both the Nassau County Music Educator's Association and the Long Island Teachers of Foreign Language. In addition to his many awards and recognitions, Dr. Jaroslaw has served as chairman of a national committee for the American Association of